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1. THE EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS ADOPTED A SCHEME FOR THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF 400,000 M.T. OF NON-FAT DRY MILK (NFDM) FOR ANIMAL FEED ALONG THE LINES REFTEL. THERE WILL BE A DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT ON EC AND IMPORTED OILSEEDS AND OTHER PROTEIN, AT A LEVEL TO BE FIXED BY THE COMMISSION. THE SCHEME WOULD TAKE EFFECT APRIL 1.

2. SUBJECT TO THE OPINION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL APPROVED A TEMPORARY SUBSIDY FOR THE PRIVATE STORAGE OF 250,000 TONS OF "CERTAIN PROTEIN PRODUCTS". IT ALSO TOOK
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NOTE OF THE COMMISSION'S INTENTION TO LIMIT THE STORAGE SCHEME

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IN ITALY TO SOYBEANS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION, COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS ANNOUNCED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL SESSION THAT HE EXPECTED THE AMERICANS TO MAKE SOME MOTIONS FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS BUT NOT TO TAKE ANY REAL ACTION.

4. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS WILL FOLLOW ON OTHER MEASURES APPROVED BY THE EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS DURING THEIR MARCH 2-6 MARATHON SESSION. END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. LARDINOIS LATER TOLD A REPORTER PRIVATELY THAT HE THOUGHT THE US WOULD GO TO THE GATT, WOULD MAKE A SHORT STATEMENT THERE, AND THAT WOULD BE IT. ACCORDING TO LARDINOIS, THIS WOULD BE BECAUSE: A) HE HAD AN UNDERSTANDING WITH SECRETARY BUTZ THAT HE WOULD WORK TO MODERATE REACTION OF THOSE IN THE US GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD WANT TO OBJECT MORE ACTIVELY; B) THE US WOULD DRAW LITTLE SUPPORT IN THE GATT SINCE MANY COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND WOULD FAVOR AN EC MEASURE THAT WOULD DISPOSE OF EC NFDM SURPLUSES WITHOUT DISTURBING THEIR MARKETS AND; C) THE AMERICAN DAIRY LOBBY WOULD ALSO FAVOR THE DISPOSAL OF NFDM SURPLUSES IN THE EC MARKET. LARDINOIS ALSO MENTIONED TO THE REPORTER THAT HE HAD KEPT HIS WORD TO SECRETARY BUTZ AND GOTTEN THE PROVISION FOR THE PRIVATE STORAGE OF PROTEIN INCLUDED EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE IN THE COUNCIL WAS OPPOSED TO IT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HINTON

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